

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Melinda Gabriella Valenzuela,) No. CV 08-1851 PHX-NVV (MHB)
Petitioner,)
v.) **ORDER**
Dora B. Schriro, et al.,)
Respondents.)
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Pending before the Court is the Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) of Magistrate Judge Burns (Doc. # 26) regarding petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. # 1). The R&R recommends that the Petition be denied and dismissed with prejudice. The Magistrate Judge advised the parties that they had ten days to file objections to the R&R. (R&R at page 11 (citing 28 U.S.C. § 636(b))). Petitioner filed objections on June 1. (Doc. # 27.)

The Court has considered the objections and reviewed the Report and Recommendation de novo. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (stating that the court must make a de novo determination of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which specific objections are made). The Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge's determinations, accepts the recommended decision within the meaning of Rule 72(b), Fed. R. Civ. P., and overrules Petitioner's objections. *See* 28 U.S.C. §

1 636(b)(1) (stating that the district court “may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in
2 part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate”).

Insofar as the Magistrate Judge also ruled on any non-dispositive matters, error may not be assigned to any defect in those rulings to the extent that an aggrieved party did not file a timely objection. Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a) (“A party may serve and file objections to the order within 10 days after being served with a copy [of the magistrate’s order]. A party may not assign as error a defect in the order not timely objected to.”). The absence of a timely objection precludes later assignment of error in this court or in any higher court of the non-dispositive rulings of a magistrate judge. *Simpson v. Lear Astronics Corp.*, 77 F.3d 1170, 1174 (9th Cir. 1996); *Philipps v. GMC*, 289 F.3d 1117, 1120-21 (9th Cir. 2002).

12 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation of the
13 Magistrate Judge (Doc. # 26) is accepted.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court enter judgment denying
16 Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254
17 (Doc. # 1) and dismissing it with prejudice. The Clerk shall terminate this action.

18 DATED this 8th day of June, 2009.

Neil V. Wake
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United States District Judge